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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is to serve as an Amendment prior to prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-62326-2/RMS/DAV/JJD).

Kindly amend the application as follows.

## IN THE ABSTRACT:

On page 70, line 4/ please delete "of" and insert --to-- in place thereof.